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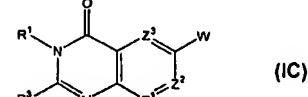
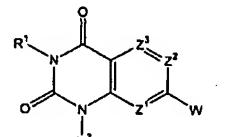
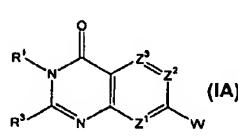
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(54) Title: GUANIDINO-SUBSTITUTED QUINAZOLINONE COMPOUNDS AS MC4-R AGONISTS



(57) Abstract: A variety of small molecule, guanidine-containing molecules capable of acting as MC4-R agonists are provided. The compounds are useful in treating MC4-R mediated diseases when administered to subjects. The compounds have the structure IA, IB, and IC where the values of the variables are defined herein.

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**AMENDED CLAIMS**

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original claims 1, 8, 10 amended; new claims 29-92 added; remaining claims unchanged (22 pages)]

35             $R^4'$  is selected from H, or substituted or unsubstituted alkyl,  
36    alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl,  
37    heterocyclyl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylkyl groups; and

38            pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, stereoisomers  
39    thereof, tautomers thereof, hydrates thereof, or solvates thereof.

1            2.    The compound of claim 1, wherein one of  $R^1'$  or  $R^2'$  is a  
2    substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidinylalkyl group.

1            3.    The compound of claim 2, wherein one of  $R^1'$  or  $R^2'$  is a  
2    substituted or unsubstituted pyrrolidinylmethyl group or is a substituted or  
3    unsubstituted pyrrolidinylethyl group.

1            4.    The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is H.

1            5.    The compound of claim 1, wherein  $Z^1$  is a  $CR^4$  group,  $Z^2$   
2    is a  $CR^5$  group, and  $Z^3$  is a  $CR^6$  group.

1            6.    The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^3'$  is selected from  
2    substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, polycyclic cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkyl, or  
3    aryl groups.

1            7.    The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is a 2,4-  
2    disubstituted phenylethyl group.

1            8.    The compound of claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is selected from a  
2    phenylethyl, 2,4-dichlorophenylethyl, 4-methoxyphenylethyl, 4-  
3    phenoxyphenylethyl, 4-bromophenylethyl, 4-methylphenylethyl, 4-  
4    chlorophenylethyl, 4-ethylphenylethyl, cyclohexenylethyl, 2-  
5    methoxyphenylethyl, 2-chlorophenylethyl, 2-fluorophenylethyl, 3-  
6    methoxyphenylethyl, 3-fluorophenylethyl, thienylethyl, indolylethyl, 4-  
7    hydroxyphenylethyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenylethyl, 2-chloro-4-iodophenylethyl, 2-  
8    fluoro-4-methylphenylethyl, 2-fluoro-4-chlorophenylethyl, 2-fluoro-4-

29 heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl, or alkylthioalkyl  
30 groups;

**R<sup>3'</sup>** is selected from H, or substituted or unsubstituted aryl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups;

34                   R<sup>4</sup> is selected from H, or substituted or unsubstituted alkyl,  
35 alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl,  
36 heterocycl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl groups; and

37 pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, stereoisomers  
38 thereof, tautomers thereof, hydrates thereof, or solvates thereof.

1 , 11. The compound of claim 10, wherein the heterocyclic ring  
2 formed by R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> and the nitrogen to which they are bound is a  
3 substituted piperazine.

1                   12. The compound of claim 11, wherein the piperazine is  
2 substituted with a group selected from a phenylalkyl group, a substituted or  
3 unsubstituted phenyl group, an -alkyl-SCH<sub>3</sub> group, an indolylalkyl group, a  
4 morpholinylalkyl group, a pyridyl group, a piperidinyl group, or a  
5 tetrahydrofuranylalkyl group.

1                   13. The compound of claim 10, wherein the heterocyclic ring  
2 formed by R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> and the nitrogen to which they are bound is a  
3 substituted piperidine.

1                   14. The compound of claim 13, wherein the piperidine is  
2 substituted with a group selected from a phenylalkyl group, a substituted or  
3 unsubstituted phenyl group, an -alkyl-SCH<sub>3</sub> group, an indolylalkyl group, a  
4 morpholinylalkyl group, a pyridyl group, a piperidinyl group, or a  
5 tetrahydrofuranylalkyl group.

1                   23. A method of treating an MC4-R mediated disease,  
 2 comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, the compound  
 3 according to any one of claims 10-19.

1                   24. The method according to claim 23, wherein the disease is  
 2 obesity or type II diabetes.

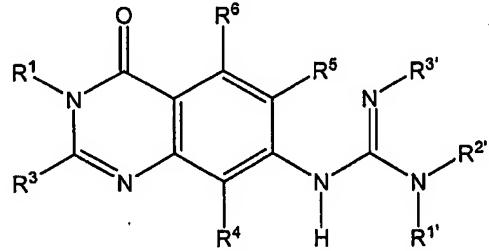
1                   25. Use of a compound of any one of claims 1-8 in the  
 2 preparation of a medicament for treating an MC4-R mediated disease.

1                   26. The use of claim 25, wherein the MC4-R mediated  
 2 disease is obesity or type II diabetes.

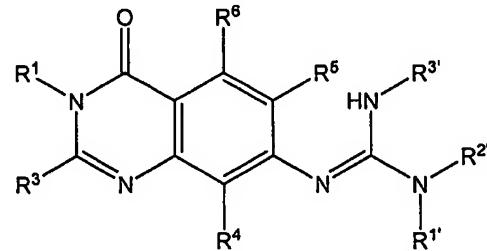
1                   27. Use of a compound of any one of claims 10-19 in the  
 2 preparation of a medicament for treating an MC4-R mediated disease.

28. The use of claim 27, wherein the MC4-R mediated  
 disease is obesity or type II diabetes.

1                   29. A compound of formula VA, VB, mixtures thereof, or  
 2 pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound,



VA



VB

3                   wherein

5                   R<sup>1</sup> is selected from substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl,  
 6 heteroarylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl,  
 7 cycloalkylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or alkyl groups;

8                   **R<sup>3</sup>** is selected from substituted or unsubstituted aryl, heteroaryl,  
 9   heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, or cycloalkylamino groups;

10                  **R<sup>4</sup>**, **R<sup>5</sup>**, and **R<sup>6</sup>** are independently selected from H, Cl, I, F, Br,  
 11   OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, or substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy or alkyl groups;

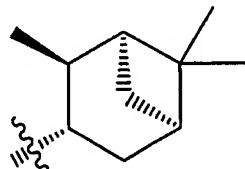
12                  **R<sup>1'</sup>** and **R<sup>2'</sup>**, together with the nitrogen to which they are bound,  
 13   form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl group; and

14                  **R<sup>3'</sup>** is selected from substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl  
 15   groups.

1                   30.   The compound of claim 29, wherein **R<sup>4</sup>**, **R<sup>5</sup>**, and **R<sup>6</sup>** are all  
 2   H.

1                   31.   The compound of claim 29, wherein **R<sup>3'</sup>** is a substituted  
 2   or unsubstituted polycyclic cycloalkyl group.

1                   32.   The compound of claim 31, wherein **R<sup>3'</sup>** is a substituted  
 2   or unsubstituted polycyclic cycloalkyl group of formula VIII



3                   VIII

1                   33.   The compound of claim 29, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a substituted or  
 2   unsubstituted arylalkyl group.

1                   34.   The compound of claim 33, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a substituted  
 2   phenylethyl group.

1                   35.   The compound of claim 34, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a 4-substituted  
 2   phenylethyl group or is a 2,4-disubstituted phenylethyl group.

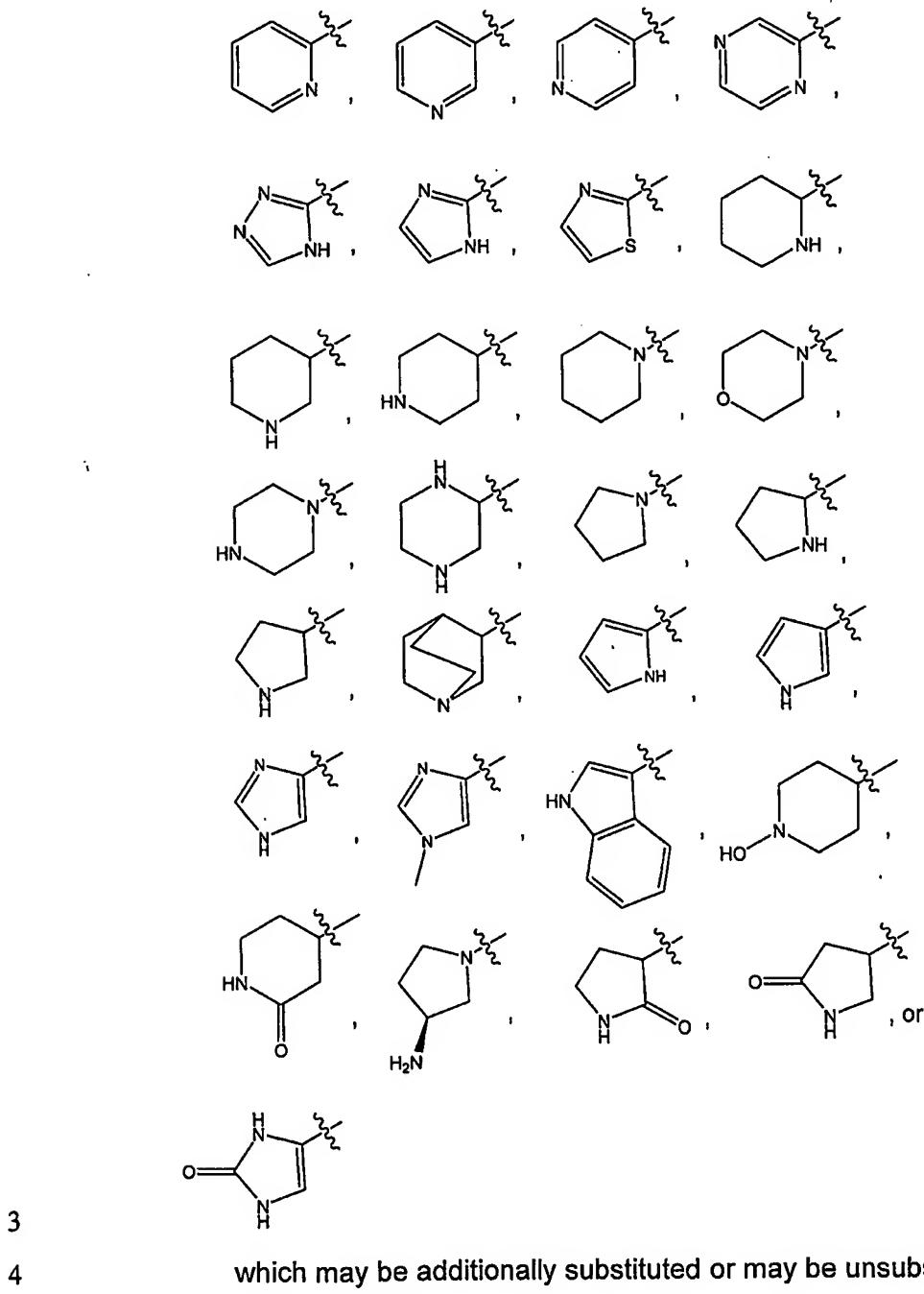
1                   36. The compound of claim 34, wherein  $R^1$  is selected from  
2 2-fluoro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-chloro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 4-  
3 fluorophenylethyl, 4-chlorophenylethyl, 4-chloro-2-fluorophenylethyl, 2,4-  
4 dichlorophenylethyl, 4-bromophenylethyl, or 4-bromo-2-fluorophenylethyl  
5 groups.

1                   37. The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R^1$  is selected from  
2 phenylethyl, 2,4-dichlorophenylethyl, 4-methoxyphenylethyl, 4-  
3 phenoxyphenylethyl, 4-bromophenylethyl, 4-methylphenylethyl, 4-  
4 chlorophenylethyl, 4-fluorophenylethyl, 4-ethylphenylethyl, cyclohexenylethyl,  
5 2-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-chlorophenylethyl, 2-fluorophenylethyl, 3-  
6 methoxyphenylethyl, 3-fluorophenylethyl, thienylethyl, indolylethyl, 4-  
7 hydroxyphenylethyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenylethyl, 2-chloro-4-iodophenylethyl, 2-  
8 fluoro-4-methylphenylethyl, 4-chloro-2-fluorophenylethyl, 4-bromo-2-  
9 fluorophenylethyl, 2-fluoro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-  
10 fluorophenylethyl, 2,4-difluorophenylethyl, 2,4-dimethylphenylethyl, 2,4-  
11 dimethoxyphenylethyl, (2-pyridyl)ethyl, (3-pyridyl)ethyl, (4-pyridyl)ethyl,  
12 (pyridyl)(hydroxymethyl)ethyl, or (phenyl)(hydroxymethyl)ethyl groups.

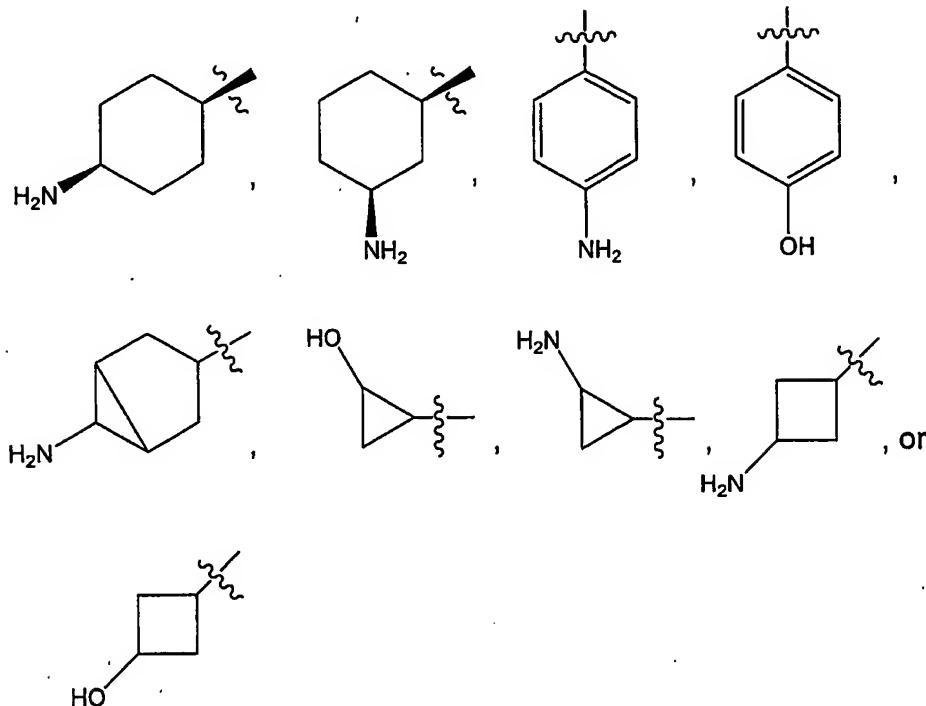
1                   38. The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R^3$  is selected from  
2 substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl groups, or substituted or  
3 unsubstituted heteroaryl groups.

1                   39. The compound of claim 38, wherein  $R^3$  is selected from  
2 substituted or unsubstituted pyridinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl,  
3 thiomorpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, furanyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, thiophenyl,  
4 tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl,  
5 pyrazinyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, quinuclidinyl, indolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl,  
6 tetrazolyl, or pyridazinyl groups.

1           40. The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R^3$  is selected from  
 2       heteroaryl or heterocycll groups of formula



1                  41. The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R^3$  is selected from  
 2        aryl or cycloalkyl groups of formula



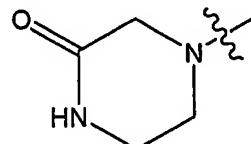
3                  4        which may be additionally substituted or may be unsubstituted.

1                  42. The compound of claim 29, wherein  $R^{1'}$  and  $R^{2'}$ , together  
 2        with the nitrogen to which they are bound, form a substituted or unsubstituted  
 3        piperazinyl group.

1                  43. The compound of claim 42, wherein  $R^{1'}$  and  $R^{2'}$ , together  
 2        with the nitrogen to which they are bound, form a piperazinyl group that is  
 3        substituted with at least one group selected from, fluoromethyl,  
 4        difluoromethyl, or trifluoromethyl groups.

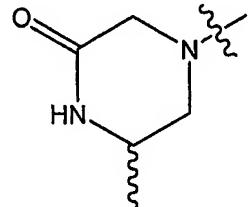
1                  44. The compound of claim 42, wherein  $R^{1'}$  and  $R^{2'}$ , together  
 2        with the nitrogen to which they are bound, form a piperazinyl group  
 3        comprising at least one carbonyl group such that the piperazinyl group is a  
 4        piperazinone that may be additionally substituted.

1                   45. The compound of claim 44, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together  
2 with the nitrogen to which they are bound form a piperazinone of formula

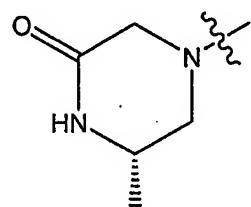


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4                   which may be additionally substituted.

1                   46. The compound of claim 45, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together  
2 with the nitrogen to which they are bound form a piperazinone of formula

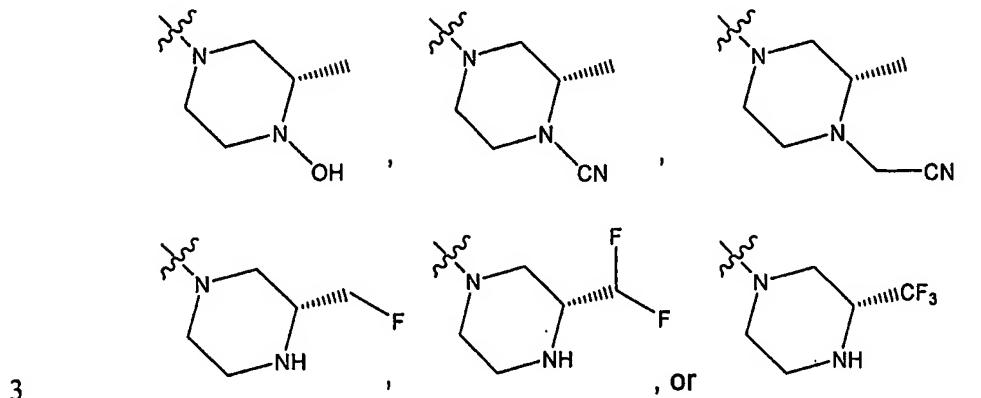


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1                   47. The compound of claim 46, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together  
2 with the nitrogen to which they are bound form a piperazinone of formula

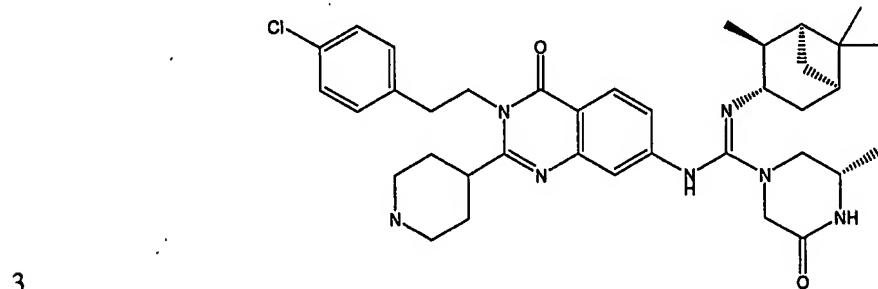


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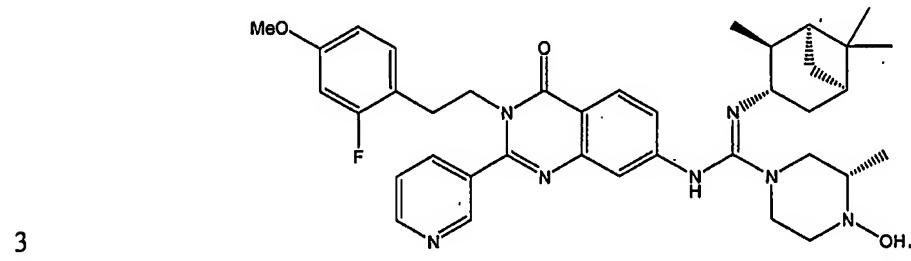
1                  48. The compound of claim 42, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, together  
 2 with the nitrogen to which they are bound, form a piperazinyl group of formula



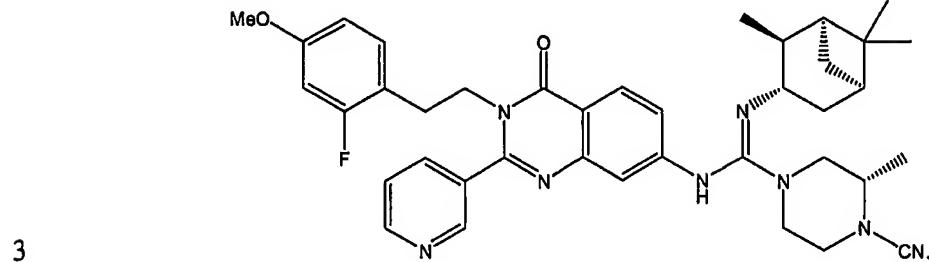
1                  49. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
 2 compound of formula



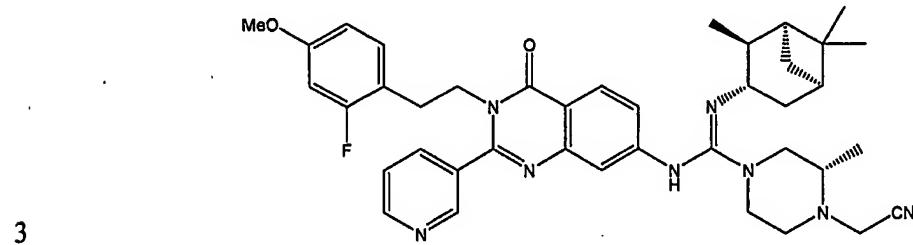
1                  50. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
 2 compound of formula



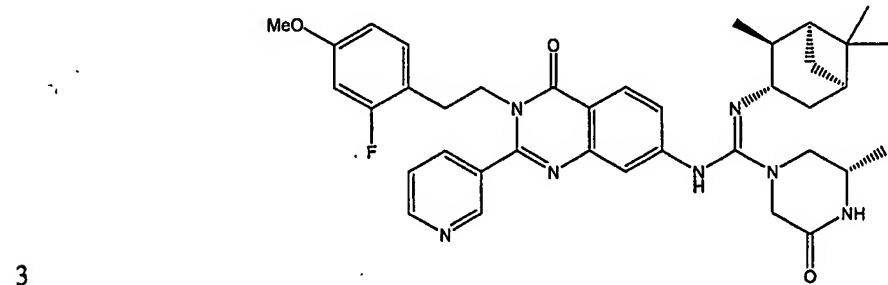
1               51. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula



1               52. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula

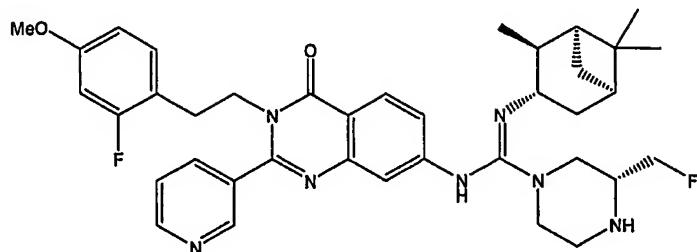


1               53. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula



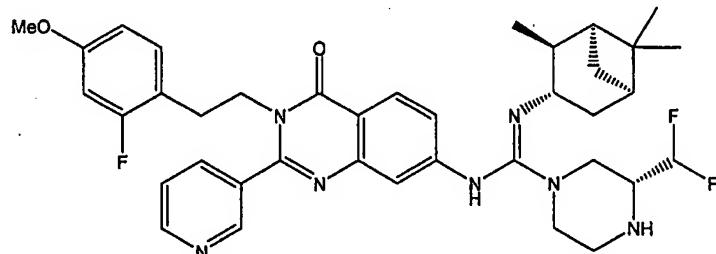
1               **54.** The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula

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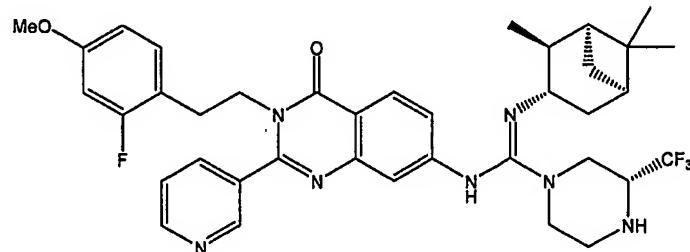
1               **55.** The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula

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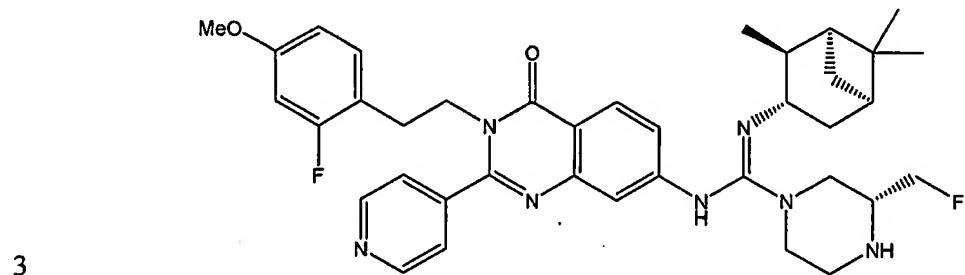


1               **56.** The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula

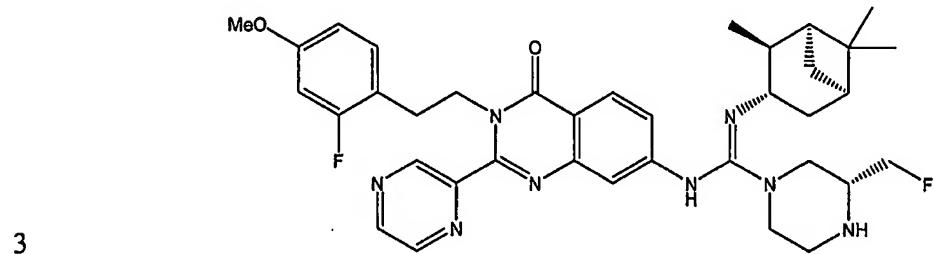
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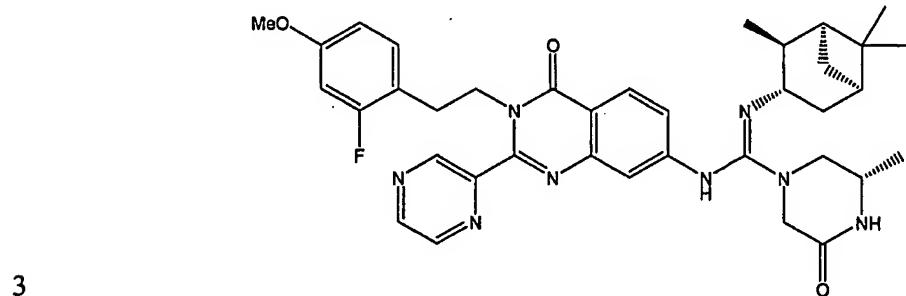
1               57. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula



1               58. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula

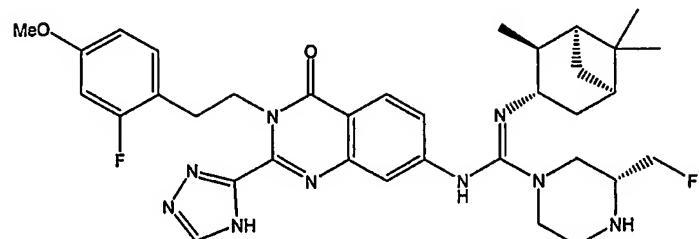


1               59. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2               compound of formula



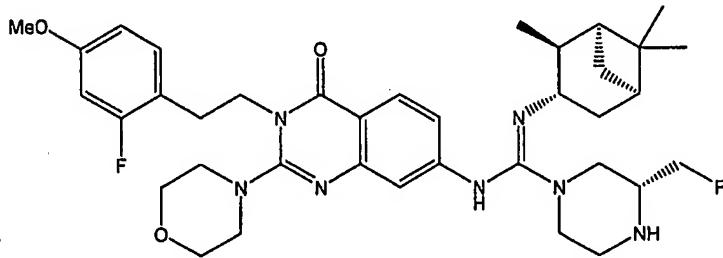
1               60. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula

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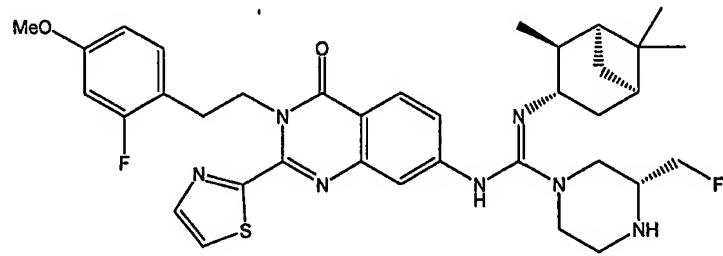
1               61. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula

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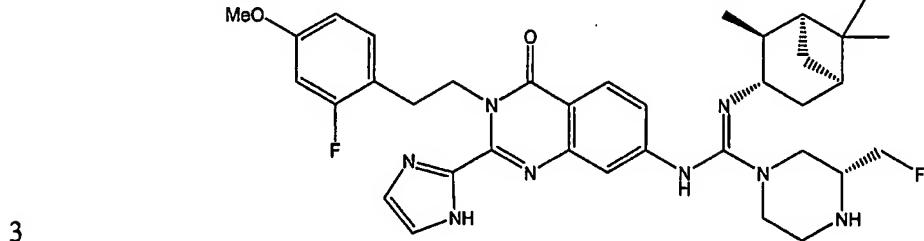


1               62. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula

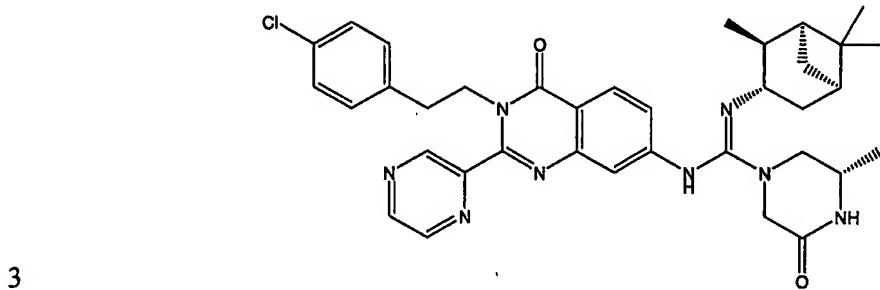
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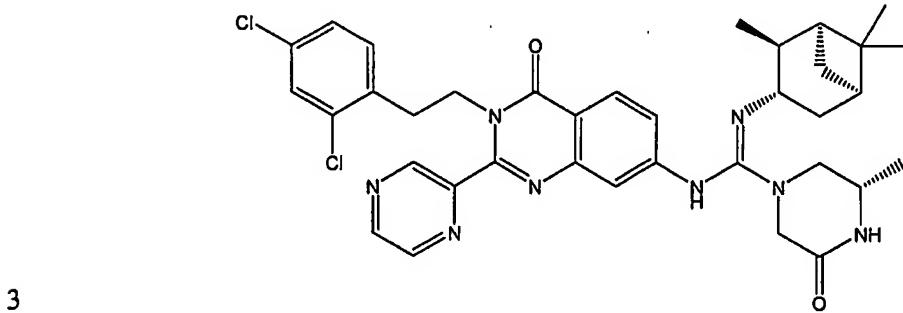
1               63. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula



1               64. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula



1               65. The compound of claim 29, wherein the compound is a  
2       compound of formula



1               66. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising the compound  
2       of any one of claims 29-65 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

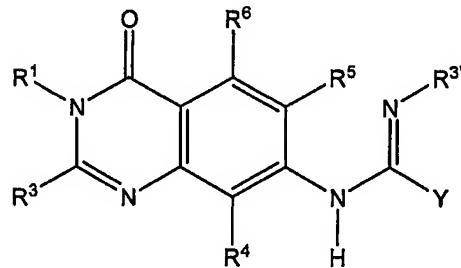
1               67. A method of treating an MC4-R mediated disease,  
2       comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, the compound of any  
3       one of claims 29-65.

1               68. The method according to claim 67, wherein the disease is  
 2 obesity or type II diabetes.

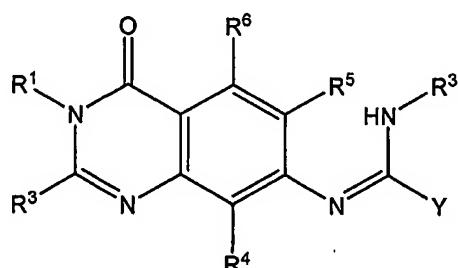
1               69. The method according to claim 67, wherein the  
 2 compound exhibits a  $t_{1/2}$  value of less than 35 hours in a tissue with high  
 3 blood perfusion.

1               70. The method according to claim 69, wherein the tissue  
 2 with high blood perfusion is selected from a brain, a liver, a kidney or a heart.

1               71. A compound of formula VIIA, VIIB, mixtures thereof, or  
 2 pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound,



3               VIIA



VIIB

4               wherein

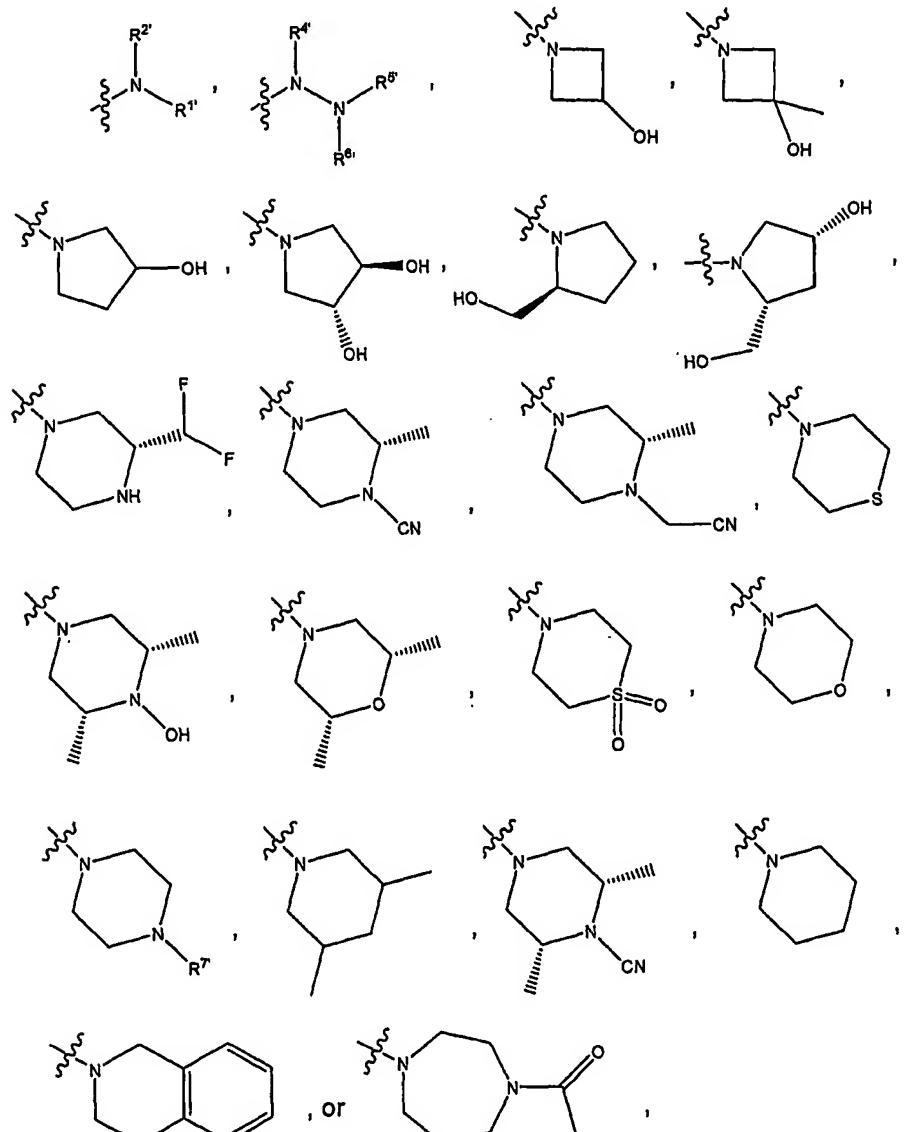
5               R<sup>1</sup> is selected from substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl,  
 6 heteroarylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl,  
 7 cycloalkylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or alkyl groups;

8               R<sup>3</sup> is selected from H or substituted or unsubstituted arylalkyl,  
 9 heteroarylalkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl,  
 10 cycloalkyl, aminocycloalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl,  
 11 or alkyl groups;

12               R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from H, Cl, I, F, Br,  
 13 OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, or substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy or alkyl groups;

1           **R<sup>3'</sup>** is selected from H or substituted or unsubstituted aryl, alkyl,  
 2       alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, arylalkyl,  
 3       heteroarylalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and

4           **Y** is selected from a moiety of formula



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 6           wherein

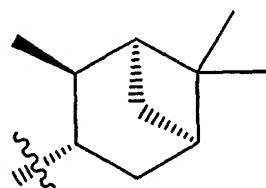
7           **R<sup>1'</sup>** is selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl groups;

- 1                   **R<sup>2'</sup>, R<sup>4'</sup>, and R<sup>5'</sup>** are independently selected from H or  
2    substituted or unsubstituted alkyl groups;
- 3                   **R<sup>6'</sup>** is selected from substituted or unsubstituted alkyl groups; or  
4    **R<sup>5'</sup> and R<sup>6'</sup>**, together with the nitrogen to which they are bound, form a  
5    heterocyclil or heteroaryl group; and
- 6                   **R<sup>7'</sup>** is selected from CN, or substituted or unsubstituted alkyl,  
7    aryl, or arylalkyl groups.

1                 72.    The compound of claim 71, wherein **R<sup>4'</sup>, R<sup>5'</sup>, and R<sup>6'</sup>** are all  
2    H.

1                 73.    The compound of claim 71, wherein **R<sup>3'</sup>** is a substituted  
2    or unsubstituted polycyclic cycloalkyl group.

1                 74.    The compound of claim 73, wherein **R<sup>3'</sup>** is a substituted  
2    or unsubstituted polycyclic cycloalkyl group of formula VIII



3                 VIII

1                 75.    The compound of claim 71, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a substituted or  
2    unsubstituted arylalkyl group.

1                 76.    The compound of claim 75, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a substituted  
2    phenylethyl group.

1                 77.    The compound of claim 76, wherein **R<sup>1</sup>** is a 4-substituted  
2    phenylethyl group or is a 2,4-disubstituted phenylethyl group.

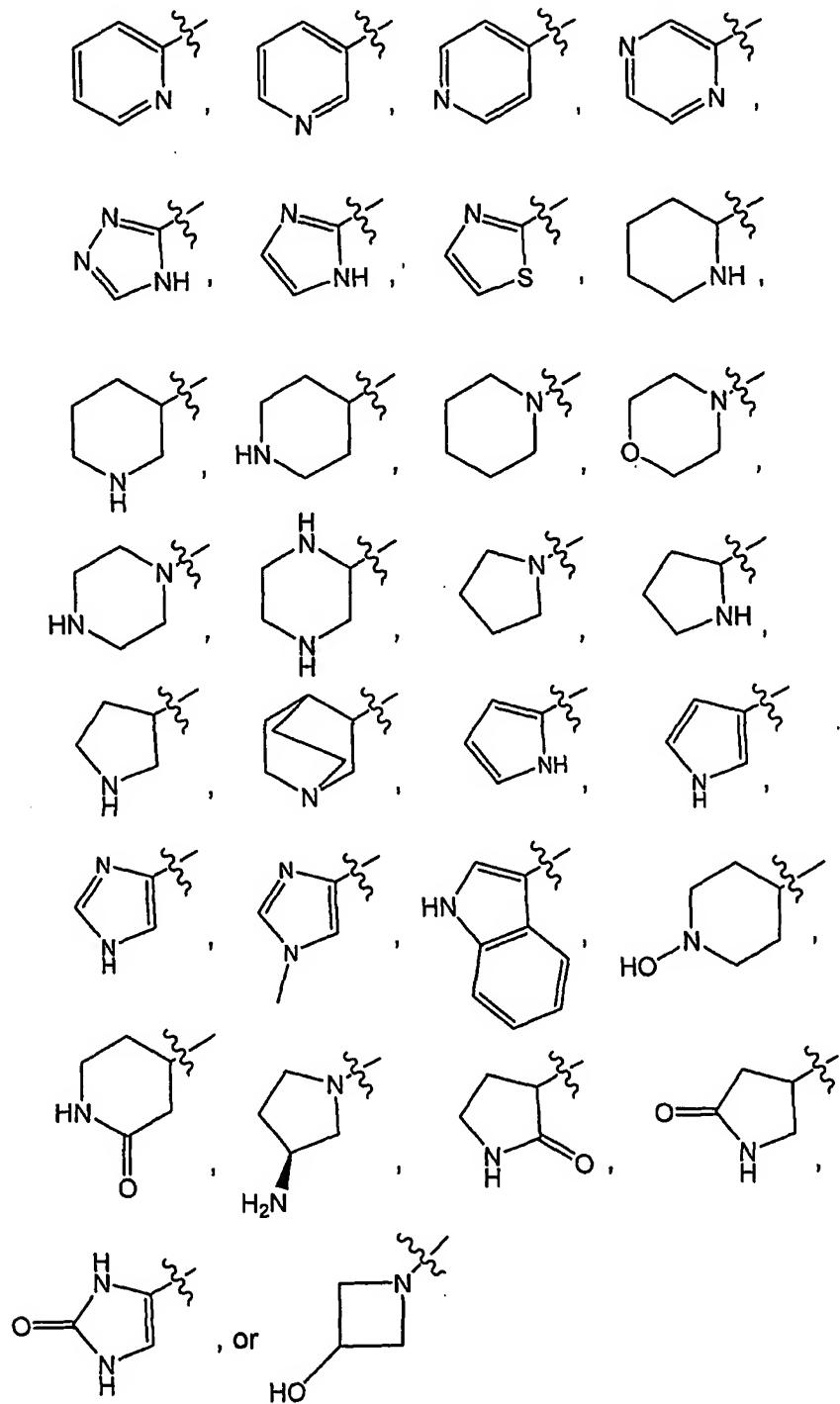
1               78. The compound of claim 75, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from  
2 2-fluoro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-chloro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 4-  
3 fluorophenylethyl, 4-chlorophenylethyl, 4-chloro-2-fluorophenylethyl, 2,4-  
4 dichlorophenylethyl, 4-bromophenylethyl, or 4-bromo-2-fluorophenylethyl  
5 groups.

1               79. The compound of claim 78, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is selected from  
2 substituted or unsubstituted heterocycl groups or substituted or  
3 unsubstituted heteroaryl groups.

1               80. The compound of claim 79, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is selected from  
2 substituted or unsubstituted pyridinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl,  
3 thiomorpholinyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, furanyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, thiophenyl,  
4 tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyranyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl,  
5 pyrazinyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, quinuclidinyl, indolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl,  
6 tetrazolyl, or pyridazinyl groups.

1               81. The compound of claim 71, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from  
2 phenylethyl, 2,4-dichlorophenylethyl, 4-methoxyphenylethyl, 4-  
3 phenoxyphenylethyl, 4-bromophenylethyl, 4-methylphenylethyl, 4-  
4 chlorophenylethyl, 4-fluorophenylethyl, 4-ethylphenylethyl, cyclohexenylethyl,  
5 2-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-chlorophenylethyl, 2-fluorophenylethyl, 3-  
6 methoxyphenylethyl, 3-fluorophenylethyl, thienylethyl, indolylethyl, 4-  
7 hydroxyphenylethyl, 3,4-dimethoxyphenylethyl, 2-chloro-4-iodophenylethyl, 2-  
8 fluoro-4-methylphenylethyl, 4-chloro-2-fluorophenylethyl, 4-bromo-2-  
9 fluorophenylethyl, 2-fluoro-4-methoxyphenylethyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-  
10 fluorophenylethyl, 2,4-difluorophenylethyl, 2,4-dimethylphenylethyl, 2,4-  
11 dimethoxyphenylethyl, (2-pyridyl)ethyl, (3-pyridyl)ethyl, (4-pyridyl)ethyl,  
12 (pyridyl)(hyd-roxymethyl)ethyl, or (phenyl)(hydroxymethyl)ethyl groups.

1                   82. The compound of claim 71, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is selected from  
 2 heteroaryl or heterocycll groups of formula

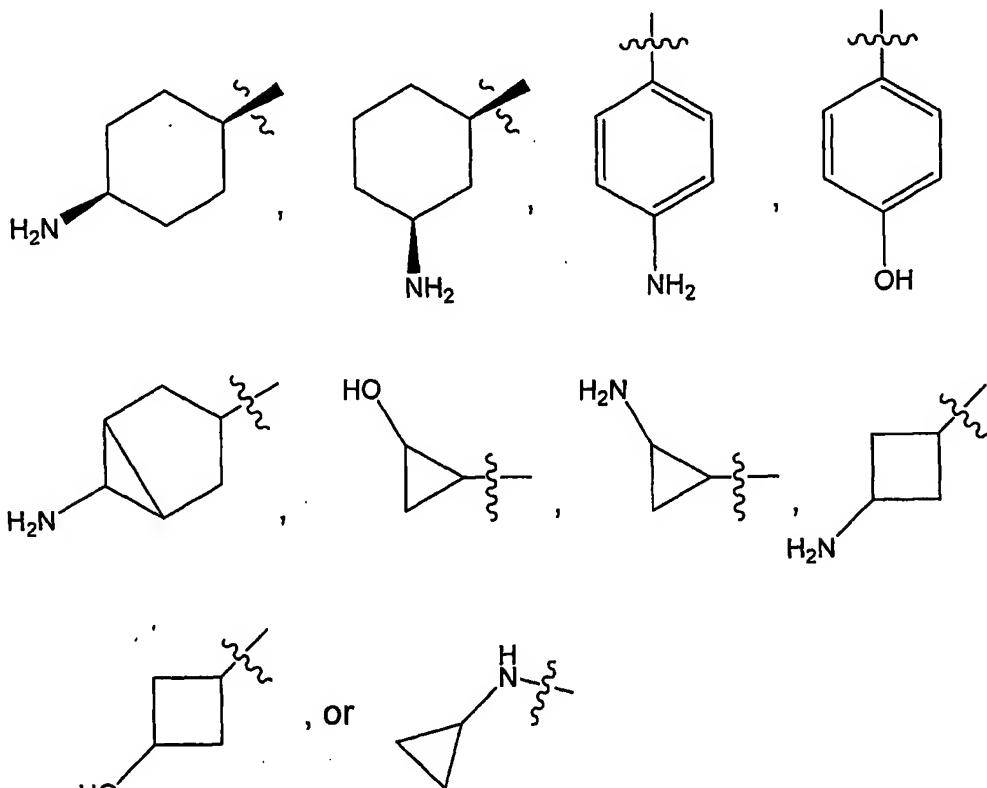


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which may be additionally substituted or may be unsubstituted.

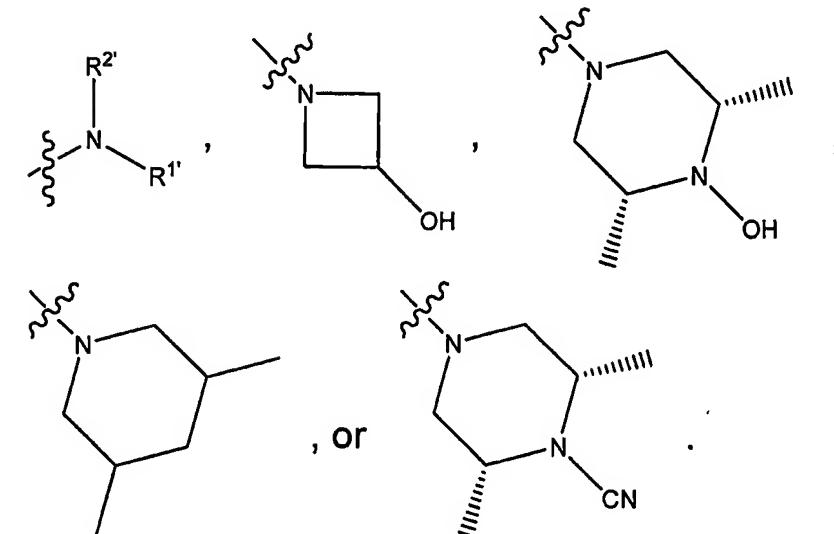
1               83. The compound of claim 71, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is selected from  
2       aryl, cycloalkyl, or aminocycloalkyl groups of formula



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84. The compound of claim 71, wherein Y is selected from

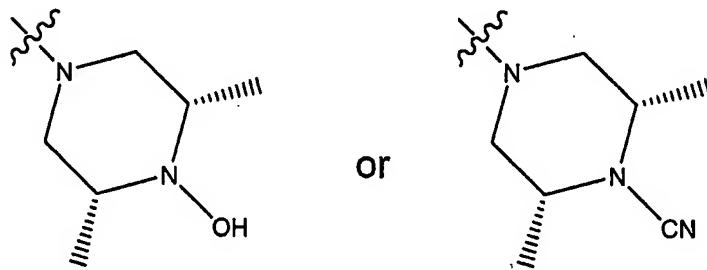
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85. The compound of claim 84, wherein Y is selected from

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86. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the compound of any one of claims 71-85.

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87. A method of treating an MC4-R mediated disease, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof, the compound of any one of claims 71-85.

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88. The method according to claim 87, wherein the disease is obesity or type II diabetes.

1               89. The method according to claim 88, wherein the  
2 compound exhibits a  $t_{1/2}$  value of less than 35 hours in a tissue with high  
3 blood perfusion.

1               90. The method according to claim 89, wherein the tissue  
2 with high blood perfusion is selected from a brain, a liver, a kidney or a heart.

1               91. Use of a compound of any one of claims 29-66 or 71-85  
2 in the preparation of a medicament for treating an MC4-R mediated disease.

1               92. The use of claim 91, wherein the MC4-R mediated  
2 disease is obesity or type II diabetes.